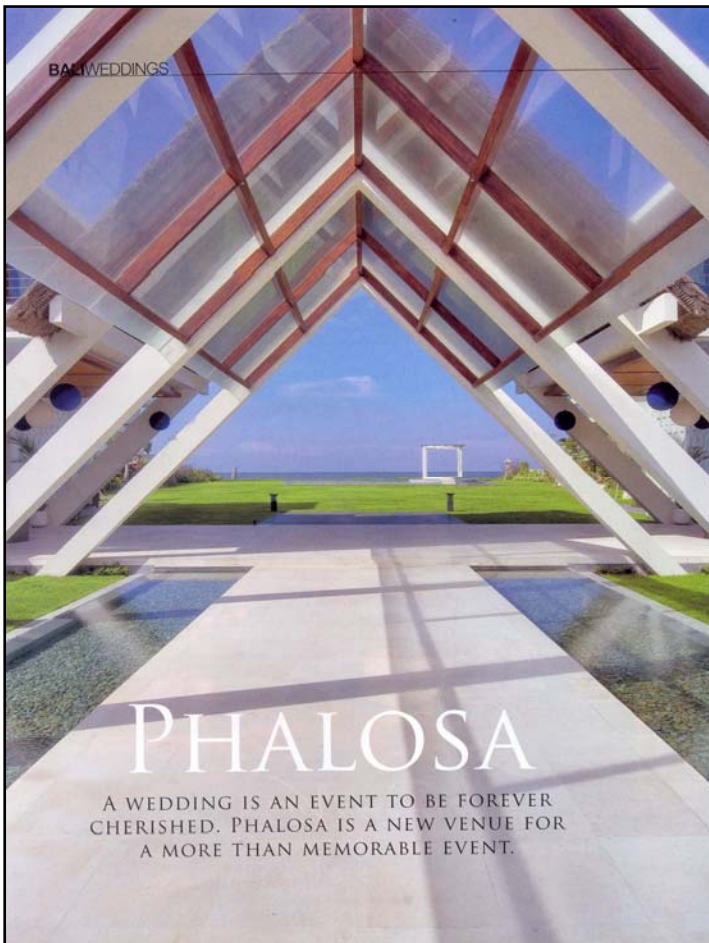


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A wedding is an event to be forever cherished. Phalosa is a new venue for a more than memorable event.

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Beachfront wedding are something quite common, especially in Bali with its many beaches and upscale hotels or villas offering wedding packages for starry-eyed couples ready to tie the knot. To me, attending another wedding looking out over the ocean just seemed like another thing to get off the schedule rather than a ceremonious event. Adorned in white (the common dress code for beach weddings), I headed off to Batubelig, a place known for it's many exclusive beachfront villas.

At first glance Phalosa didn't look much different to any other villa that looked out of the ocean, but once I went inside, the uniqueness of its design could truly be admired. Apart from the wedding decorations all around, the view of the beach from the main entrance itself was enough to take your breath away. A stunning backdrop of a nearing sunset upon the ocean accompanied by the wedding decorations atop the mini chapel and beautifully kept lawns and garden, it's no wonder why the couple chose this venue to enunciate their vows.

As the sun slowly set, the ceremony began for the couple to pledge their commitment at the mini-chapel that looks out towards the crashing waves. The chapel itself is on top of an infinity pool, which, with the dimming sunlight, made it appear to be floating on the ocean. The romantic atmosphere made itself ever more present as the last remnant of sunlight flickered away and the lights went on for the wedding reception held at the same venue.

As the party rolled on, my curiosity arose to see what other features Phalosa had to offer apart from a romantic and beautiful wedding venue. The main building is split in the middle by the triangular, glass-roofed lobby, which can also be transformed for indoor functions, but on this occasion it was decorated with candles and dim lighting, again to add to the romantic atmosphere. On both sides the lobby are identical villas, with identical foyers, water features and also, identical his and her bathrooms, the one on the left (from the main entrance) is used as a dining area, and on the right is a two-story, two-room villa. Each room has its own lounge area equipped with large plasma screen televisions and a cozy queen-sized bed. Further snooping revealed that the downstairs room had

an open-air bathroom with all the amenities you would expect from an upscale villa. The upstairs room is where the bride can be outfitted for the wedding. The bathroom here used a darker colour scheme, to aid in lighting purposes for the make-up artist I'd hazard to guess. Both exterior designs are symmetrical in every way, with large glass windows which look towards the beachfront, making it a nice place to rest after a full day of wedding bliss. However, these are not villa bedrooms. In fact, these are not villas at all. People can't stay overnight at Phalosa, it is an events venue, not a villa that holds events.

Looking around, it was strange to see the plentiful food appearing and how the empty plates never seemed to pile up. Following one of the catering staff through an almost unseen door, next to the dining area, the entrance opened up to a very large kitchen and catering area. A separate access for the catering crew made the food service for the reception a completely seamless and unseen affair, making it more comfortable for everyone to enjoy the ceremony.

Phalosa seemed to provide all that was needed to make this wedding as memorable and hassle-free as possible. This complete and magnificent, 3000m² beachfront venue offers everything you need for a special event of just about any kind, and then some. Accommodation is easily found in its surrounds, being close to the action of Seminyak, and it offers the choice of using their event organizers or bringing your; all great advantages.

In the end, when the party was over and the guests filed out into the night, Phalosa shone like the Greek word the name comes from, having created a memorable event where dreams are made.

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